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Unanimous Vote  
By Town Meeting  
Approves Raises

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: In an unanimous vote at a special town meeting Thursday, less than 100 residents approved a trice-amended article granting a total of \$8,014.82 for salary increases for department heads and non-union clerical personnel. The amount would be transferred from the Surplus Revenue Account.

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The Finance Committee originally recommended a total of \$5,697.29 for the increases. An amendment request was presented by William Frasco Jr., representing a coalition of town employees supporting department head pay raises, to make the increase 7½% across the board.

Because the town accountant's salary would have been lower than the original proposal and the librarian's salary was not included in the raise, a third amendment was passed by voters. The article was earlier amended to include the librarian's salary.

In line with the 7½% increases, the town clerk-treasurer-tax collector will receive \$1,200 more annually; Highway and Water Department Superintendent, \$1,500 more; librarian \$862.50 more; the police chief and his secretary combined, \$2,906.79 more; and the Selectmen's clerk, \$545.43 more. The town accountant's salary will be increased by \$1,000, a little more than 7½%.

According to town officials, no salary increases for general government employees were proposed at the annual town meeting because they were not ready at the time. As yet, the town still does not have a contract with its union employees. They are still working under the fiscal 1982 contract which expired in July.

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In his presentation of the amendment, Frasco said that even with this increase the town was still not keeping pace with the rising costs of living. He said the proposal was an effort to bring department heads' salaries in line with those of school administrators.

In answer to a question from the floor, officials said that, of the eight school administrators, only one receives a lower salary than the chief of police, reportedly the highest paid of the general government department heads.

Frasco noted that the superintendent's salary has increased an average of 7% annually over a four year period while that of the chief has only increased 4.8%. He said the number of staff members has decreased in recent years, but the workload has increased.

He also noted recent loss of the selectmen's secretary who left for financial reasons. Frasco charged selectmen with "not recognizing the value of these people."

In favor of the amended article, Selectwoman Vivian Brown praised the dedication of the police and department heads, noting extensive overtime hours have been put in by these individuals. She said the department heads are "the foundation on which the house of elected officials depends."

Mrs. Brown said municipal morale "is seriously affected. These people have had to take a back seat to other priorities for too long and it's time they were the priority. We have treated our employees shabbily." She noted that the original article, as approved by selectmen, did not have the board's unanimous approval and was not made on the request of department heads.

Mrs. Brown, speaking as a taxpayer, added that even with the help of a professional negotiator, the board "seems to be bargaining in poor faith." She proposed the board do its own negotiating with its employees and thus save the town money. The town has already paid the negotiator nearly \$3,000 and a new contract has yet to be finalized.

Mrs. Brown said the town's money should be distributed among all town employees, and some should not receive more increases than others.

## Carol Singing At Suffield Savings



THE SUFFIELD SAVINGS BANK GIRLS CHOIR, an organization of 24 women, all employees or alumni of Suffield Savings Bank, entertained a gathering of townsfolk at the bank's main office this past Sunday afternoon, December 5th. The continuing goal of this non-profit group is the raising of funds for high school scholarships. Standing, from left, Jamie Hill, Lori Foss and Nancy Viggiano, holding her 10-month old son, Gregory. Seated are Bernice Zukowski, Helen Osowiecki, and Charles Baumas. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

## School Rental Possible

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: Selectmen Chairman Russell Fox announced Thursday that the board has received a formal offer from Track News Service Inc. of Springfield to take an option to rent the rear portion of the now-vacant Consolidated School. The communications firm has submitted a \$2,000 deposit to hold the building for three months.

Track News President Buzz Sawyer, who is also involved with new program development for Springfield Television Broadcasting Corporation, plans the independent service to cover all phases of the horseracing industry on a national basis. He explained that he is now involved in a marketing campaign for a daily half-hour national evening telecast.

Sawyer elaborated that, although the national networks cover the major horseracing events, there is definite interest in other events in the field, including sales and personal interviews.

The planned use of the building would be only for receiving of news items; there would be no betting operations, he said. Track news would use a communications satellite to send and receive its programming.

Sawyer feels the building is well-suited for his plans. The classrooms, with only minor renovations, are large enough for studios. There would be no structural changes to the building. The only thing visible would be some receiving equipment located in the rear outside the building.

The Southwick location is unique, he said, in that it offers the video protection from the mountain that is needed. The building, being in view of the police station, is also an advantage for any business, according to Sawyer. He plans to use both floors of the fourth grade addition to the building.

Sawyer noted that he would like to employ interested high school students as part-time camera people and feels that both the town and Track News will benefit from the proposal.

Fox also said the new firm will be a "tremendous asset to the community and will fit right in with our future plans for the building."

According to Sawyer, the company should have their marketing operations firmed up within ninety days.



THE SUFFIELD SAVINGS BANKS GIRLS CLUB conducted their annual Community Carol Sing at the Suffield Savings Bank main office in Suffield on Sunday afternoon, December 5th. Here, old St. Nick, who was taking a day off from his busy schedule preparing for Christmas Eve, listens to twins Erin and Amy DiGennaro, age 4, requests for Christmas toys. Both Erin and Amy made certain that St. Nick knew how good they have been for the past year. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.





By Mildred Talmadge

**"Happy Hanukkah"**

Saturday, December 11th, is the start of Hanukkah this year, the first day of eight when a candle is lit to mark the beginning of festivities and celebration which commemorates the Maccabean victory, the great war for religious freedom. The Greeks had overpowered the Jews; even their temple was turned into a Grecian temple.

Judah Maccabee gathered together an untrained army of men which defeated their enemies and restored freedom of worship. After the battle, one flask of sanctified oil was found in the temple to light the menorah. To their amazement, it continued to burn for eight days and nights.

The Hanukkah menorah has nine candles with the ninth, Shammash, used to light the other eight. Symbolically, one candle gives off a tiny light, but has the power to light other candles.

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Christian festivities honoring the birth of Christ have become so prevalent in retail stores, churches, and Christian homes that its counterpart in the Jewish faith has become somewhat overshadowed. There is a dear children's book, *A Chanukah Fable for Christmas*, by Jerome Coopersmith in which a little Jewish boy feels cheated because his family doesn't celebrate Christmas.

" 'Twas not the first night before Christmas that Murray had said, 'I wish that on Chanukah I had a fat man in red.' " The rhyme and rhythm are the same as Clement Moore's as Murray dreams that on Christmas Eve, a Hanukkah dreidel (a toy top) twirls to his window and its soldier driver takes him in and twirls him around the world where he sees every nation, race, and tribe having a celebration of some event each in its own way.

On awakening back in his own bed, he realizes that his own holiday with its goodies (latkes and more), games, and family gatherings is as festive a time as Christmas and he is really not missing anything at all. He can light his own candles on the eight nights of Hanukkah and still enjoy the candlelight gleaming from Christian windows.

**County Printing Service Get Job...****New Format Set For Town Report**

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: Selectmen hope to save the town several thousand dollars with a recent decision to have the annual town report printed by the Hampden County Printing Service rather than by a private firm. Last year, it cost the town nearly \$4,000 to print 1200 copies, including budget books. The county cost is estimated to be \$750.

According to County Purchasing Agent Rita Cataldi, the estimated \$750 includes cost of paper, binding, and a glossy cover. There is no charge for labor, and the county can deliver the finished report within a week and a half after it is submitted, she said. Depending on the number of pages, the cost could be even lower, according to selectmen.

The county requires that all pages be typed by town personnel. If necessary, a typist can be made available for an additional \$110.

The county can also print the Finance Committee's budget book for substantial savings, said Mrs. Cataldi. The town report is usually available to voters at the annual election in April. The budget booklet is available for the annual town meeting, usually scheduled for April also. The town, as a rule, prints fewer budget booklets than town reports because "not as many people seem interested in having one," said Selectman Chairman Russell Fox.

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In a two-to-one vote Wednesday, selectmen reappointed George Tichy as reserve policeman. Tichy was first reappointed in July but declined to accept at that time. According to Selectwoman Vivian Brown, Tichy apparently was hoping to be reappointed as dispatcher. After several months, selectmen rescinded the July appointment.

Selectman Alan Ferrigno Wednesday moved to reappoint Tichy as reserve policeman provided he accept the position before the end of December. The appointment is effective through June, 1983.

Mrs. Brown voted against the appointment because she felt he had made "serious errors as dispatcher." She also felt that he had several months to discuss the situation with the board during the summer and did not

do so. Ferrigno and Fox voted in favor.

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Fox and Ferrigno reaffirmed appointment of a new secretary for the selectmen. Mrs. Brown did not favor the motion because she said she knew nothing about the original motion. According to her, the appointment was apparently made Sunday, December 5th, after interviews of applicants were conducted by Fox and Ferrigno on Friday, December 3rd.

Mrs. Brown, who has been absent from several meetings recently because of illness, said the first she knew of the appointment was when she called the selectmen's office Monday, December 6th. "It is only a matter of common courtesy; they should have kept me informed of their actions," she said.

Mrs. Brown also questioned whether the board should include the new secretary's salary among the proposed salary increases. She noted that town policy has been not to give raises until after someone has worked for the town for one year.

Appointed to the secretarial position was Faye Prokop of Granville Road, who is a 1982 graduate of Southwick High School and was previously employed at Caldors. Her starting salary will be \$139.88, effective December 6th.

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On the recommendation of Sewer Study Committee member Henry Engelhardt, the board plans to begin application to the state for Community Development block grant funds. The funds, according to Engelhardt, would benefit residents doing major repair on their septic systems.

According to Engelhardt, the funds would be administered on a sliding scale to low and moderate income families. Depending on the type of system the town decides to install, up to 94% of the cost would be reimbursed through federal and state funding. There would still be costs to individuals; the block grant would help cover individual expenses after the reimbursements.

"We just do not want anyone to lose their homes over this expense," Engelhardt explained.

**Special Meeting Approves Bond**

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: Special town meeting Thursday approved a bond issue of \$850,000 for repair of five municipal building roofs. The 82-26 vote will mean an added \$1.37 to the tax rate. Coupled with the energy bond and increase allowable for general government under Proposition 2½, the total tax increase will be \$2.27.

In an unanimous voice vote, residents approved transfer of \$1,593 from Surplus Revenue to the Fire Department for purchase of 27 jackets for the Emergency Medical Technicians. The bright red, weatherproof jackets will cost \$59 each. One of the main reasons the department requested the jackets was to have the EMT's easily identifiable at emergency situations.

Residents also unanimously voted to accept a non-conforming lot located off Babb Road, behind Nora's Restaurant. The town at this time, has no plans for the property, according to Selectman Chairman Russell Fox. The land is worth approximately \$6,000, according to reports.

There is no stipulation against resale of the property by the town, but, in accordance with zoning restrictions, a non-conforming lot would only be of value to an abutter.

**Home Energy Conservation Workshop Scheduled**

Southwick: The Southwick Home Energy Resource Committee, in conjunction with the Valley Opportunity Council's WARM Program and Northeast Utilities, will sponsor a free workshop on Saturday, December 18th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the selectmen's conference room of Southwick Town Hall.

Some families in the Southwick area are eligible to receive fuel assistance to help with winter heating costs. Assistance is available for all forms of energy based on household size and maximum income levels of \$8,190 for one person; \$10,885 for two people; \$11,640 for three; \$13,950 for four; \$16,260 for five; \$18,570 for six.

The Southwick Energy Committee urges those who think they may be eligible to apply at the selectmen's office, 11 Depot Street or call 569-5995.

Persons verified to receive fuel assistance are also eligible to receive free home weatherization kits valued at over \$60 each. Those holding red or pink certificates may redeem them at the workshop to receive installation training and their free kits.

Free kits are available only to those who have received verification for the fuel assistance program. Persons in the process of verification will be issued "rain checks" which may be redeemed for a free kit when accepted for assistance.

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## School Board Approves Tuition Rates

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: The School Committee Tuesday approved tuition rates for the 1983-84 school year. The largest increase is for special needs students, a jump from this year's \$4,150 to next year's \$4,750.

The elementary school tuition rate was increased from \$1,450 to \$1,460. Rates for other levels will decrease.

Granville and Tolland will pay \$2,000 for each high school student; \$1,550 for Powder Mill; and \$600 for kindergarten. This compares with the present rate of \$2,100; \$1,600; and \$624 respectively. There are approximately 100 children in all grades attending Southwick schools from the two neighboring towns.

The tuition rates Southwick charges to other towns for their children to attend local schools is based on a per pupil expenditure figure as determined by last year's costs. This year's tuition rates also include all of the town's costs for the educational program.

Town costs include insurance and retirement payments, winter maintenance, the crossing guard, and workmen's compensation, among other things, according to Business Manager Kenneth Johnson.

School committees are allowed to include town costs in their tuition rates, according to Johnson. Last year was the first year the local committee decided to do so. Because including these costs would have drastically raised tuition rates then, the committee voted to include only half the costs last year and all costs this year.

## Energy Commission Plans Work By April

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: The recently formed Energy Conservation Committee is hoping to begin construction work on some of the conservation projects at the town and school buildings by April vacation.

Bids for the boilers, hot water heater, a kitchen fan, and some insulation will be opened on March 3rd. The committee hopes to award contracts soon after that date. Depending on who does the work and general weather conditions, they hope to begin by April vacation, but even that is doubtful, according to what Business Manager Kenneth Johnson told the School Committee Tuesday.

Committee member William Fearn explained that the computer-based energy management system will require more time for research. He said that system should be installed by May so it can have a trial run before schools close for the summer.

Fearn said that in its preliminary work with design architects Alderman and MacNeish, the committee

According to Superintendent of Schools Louis Josselyn, the towns involved strenuously objected to the increases last year because they had expected costs to go down. Even though costs did go down, the number of pupils also went down, thus affecting the per pupil cost, he explained. "But we gave them no guarantee it would go down," he said.

Legally, school committees can also include the costs of a building in tuition rates. These costs are not included in the local tuition because the committee feels that the town would need the buildings whether or not the tuition-paying students attended.

In other business, the committee accepted the resignations of Woodland School physical education teacher Judith Johnson and Powder Mill physical education teacher Wayne Bloomrose. Both are now on leaves of absence. The board also voted to extend maternity leave for Christine Keefe, part-time special needs teacher at the high school, to January, 1984.

The committee appointed Norma Baker as fulltime bus driver and Sandra Hamann as half-time bus driver.

On the recommendation of Johnson, the committee voted to spend up to \$350 to replace a dishwasher at the high school. The funds will be taken from the replacement of equipment account, according to Johnson, and will not affect any planned expenditures. He said there is about \$738 available because purchases came under budgeted amounts.

found many of the projects, as recommended by an energy audit, cannot be done. He said the committee is also studying the possibility of some roof insulation being done in combination with installation of new roofs rather than as part of the energy conservation projects.

Fearn explained that while the architects were spending more time here than originally planned, he expected to stay within the \$15,000 bid.

Last spring, the town voted to spend \$150,000 for several energy conservation measures. The project includes installation of new boilers at Woodland and Powder Mill Schools, new furnaces for the town hall and garage, modification of the heating system in the town hall, and ceiling and window insulation in the buildings.

The major part of the energy conservation package is the proposed \$47,000 computer-based energy management system to monitor and regulate fuel use at the schools.

## SAFETY SUGGESTIONS

By Capt. Robert Williams  
Suffield Police Dept.



With the winter weather now upon us, the Police Department would like to reiterate its driving tips for motorists.

First, remember to CLEAN and DEFROST all the car windows before driving. Trying to drive while peering through a small cleared space in the windshield is a sure way to become involved in an accident.

Secondly, SLOW DOWN. Wet snow and icy roads change the maneuverability and stopping distance of your vehicle.

Thirdly, keep your vehicle in good mechanical condition. Cars with defective heaters and defrosters, burned out headlights and taillights, defective windshield wipers and unsafe tires are even more dangerous in the winter season. Pay special attention to your vehicle's exhaust system since in the winter with windows closed, exhaust fumes can be especially dangerous.

Additionally, motorists should be aware of pedestrians along the highways since snow banks narrow considerably the width of the roadways. If you become stranded, be sure to pull your vehicle off the travelled portion of the road and leave the parking lights or emergency flashers on. If you remain with your car and must leave it running, open a window to avoid being overcome by carbon monoxide.

Carrying some sand and a shovel in the trunk can be beneficial if you get stuck and flares put out will protect you and your vehicle if you become disabled at night. If you must change a tire, be sure the jack is on a solid footing and not on ice or snow where it may slip.

Residents with snowmobiles are reminded that the roads are for cars and not recreational use, and permission should be received from landowners before snowmobiling on private land. Before you skate, make sure the ice is safe and stay away from unfrozen areas.

By following these short and simple safety tips, we can look forward to a safer winter and hopefully an early spring.

## Welcome Back, Mrs. Brown

Southwick: It's nice to see Selectwoman-Vivian Brown back to work after several weeks of absence from board meetings. Mrs. Brown was confined to her home with a serious eye infection, but now seems to be on the road to recovery.

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## Word Processing Added To 1983-84 Suffield Curriculum

By Cheryl Rutz

Suffield: The Board of Education Tuesday night approved a request from High School Principal David Johnson for the addition of a word processing course to the high school curriculum in the 1983-84 school year.

According to Johnson, Business Education Department Chairperson Helen Christian feels the class will not necessitate any additional expenditures or staffing. Mrs. Christian plans to use the equipment in the department as well as the resources of the micro-computer center, which includes a Wang word-processor.

Johnson noted that the equipment in this center already gets a lot of use from students who want to work on the computers. He added that the new course would only be scheduled if ten or more students enroll in it.

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Board member Peter Das questioned Johnson as to whether a single word processor would adequately serve a class such as this.

Johnson replied that he would like to acquire more micro-computers for the department, but said the class could still be handled with one. He noted that students can also use the IBM memory typewriter available.

In reference to the course description, Johnson stated that students who wish to take the course must have one full year of typing and permission of the instructor. He also said the half-credit course is preferably for business-oriented students.

The course description is as follows: "This one-semester course will introduce the concept of word processing, will give hands-on training on the equipment, (including a word processor, a microcomputer, and a transcriber) and will emphasize skills in communicating, keyboarding, composing, revising, proof-reading, copying, duplicating, and transcribing. This course will help prepare for entry-level word processing jobs."

Johnson remarked that he feels the course will be especially helpful to seniors because they will have this skill when they graduate.

## Land Conservancy's Annual Meeting



**THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SUFFIELD LAND CONSERVANCY** was held Wednesday, December 1st at Kent Memorial Library. Attending the meeting were, from left - Bob Stewart, vice president; Roger Loomis, Astrid Hanzalek, Nathana Fuller, treasurer; Thea Coburn, John Mosher, and Russ MacNayr, president. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

Board member Elizabeth Mavis agreed and added that other citizens in town who are not students may want to take the course also if this could be worked out. She also suggested that the board and the school seek support from area businesses who look for people with word processing skills.

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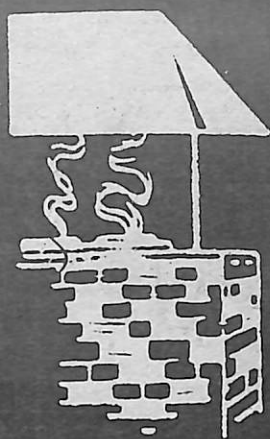
In other business, the board voted unanimously to hire Janet Compton as a permanent substitute teacher for grades one and two at Bridge Street School. Mrs. Compton, a resident of Suffield, will replace Ellen Hansen who is on a childrearing leave until the end of the school year.

Also approved unanimously by the board was the

resignation of Karen Richards, an instructor in the transitional classroom at Suffield High School. At a November 6th meeting, the board voted to deny her request for a general leave of absence because she had only been employed in the school system since this past September 1st.

Supervisor of Special Education Donna Barron, present at the meeting, stated that she now has a substitute for the program who has taken over. Mrs. Barron added that the job description for the position will be submitted to the board for approval and then it can be posted.

Board members agreed that since the position is a very important one, advertising will be needed to obtain the best-qualified candidate.



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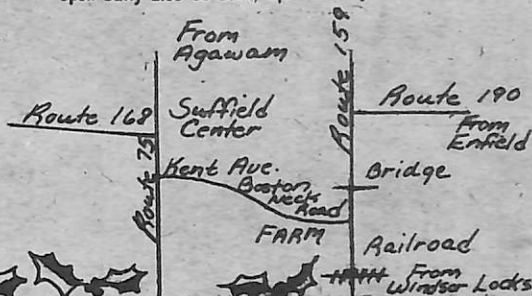
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## Designs For Holidays



**WELCOMING THEIR SPEAKER** for the meeting of the Suffield Garden Club is Priscilla Wabrek (right) and Mim Brockett. Betty Holmes (center) spoke on Christmas "All Around the House." She demonstrated elegant designs for the holiday hostess. She has won many top awards for her floral work and has judged many exhibits as well. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

## Folksinger To Appear At Kent Library

Suffield: A special holiday program of songs will be performed by folksinger Jim Douglas at the Kent Memorial Library on Thursday, December 16th, at 7 p.m.

A warm and talented performer, Douglas plays the guitar, dulcimer, and the English concertina. He has traveled extensively throughout New England, collecting and sharing songs which have been sung for generations in Connecticut and the surrounding Northeast. He has appeared previously at scores of schools, libraries, historical societies and many top folk festivals and coffeehouses. He has also delighted audiences at the Public House in Sturbridge and on the Sloop Clearwater.

His program of songs will be in the New England tradition of holiday gatherings where well-known and indigenous seasonal music is shared.

The program is being sponsored by the Friends of the Library. For more information, call 668-2325.

## Southwick Grange To Meet

The next regular meeting of the Southwick Grange will be held Tuesday, December 14th, at 8 p.m. at the Grange Hall. Frederick Hepburn, master, will preside.

Mrs. Marilyn Chunglo of Southwick will be the guest speaker with her program on the twelve days of Christmas.

Refreshments will be served following the meeting. Nancy and Donald Weston, Anna Mae Pease, and Gerald Celley are in charge.

Grange members are asked to bring in Christmas cards to be put on the bulletin board.

## 1st Baptist Church Slates Carol Sing

Suffield: The First Baptist Church on Hastings Hill will hold its fourth annual Christmas carol sing at 8 p.m. on Sunday, December 19th. The Madrigal Singers of Suffield will lead the singing and will also perform.

Following the singing, coffee, hot chocolate, and doughnuts will be served. Everyone is welcome and urged to dress warmly and casually.

## SUFFIELD CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Sponsored By Friends Of The Kent Memorial Library)

**Mon., Dec. 13:** EAA board meeting, 1 p.m., EAA Bldg.; Fire drill, 7, Central Firehouse; Board of Finance, 7:30, Town Hall; Prayer Meeting, 8, Sacred Heart Church, all are welcome.

**Tues., Dec. 14:** Women's Guild of Second Baptist Church, 555 North St., 7:30 p.m.; Rotary, 6, Suffield Inn; Boy Scout Troop 260, St. Joseph's Church, 7; KML Board of Trustees, 7:30; Housing Authority, 7:30, Town Hall Annex; Water Pollution Control Authority, 7:30, Town Hall; Social Services Commission, 7:30, Town Hall.

**Wed., Dec. 15:** Child & Family Services Thrift Shop at 35 Mountain Road open Wed. & Thurs., 10-1:30 and Fri. & Sat. 10-1; Pajama Story Hour, 6:30, Kent Memorial Library; Prepared Childbirth Class, 7:30, EAA Bldg.; Recreation Comm., 7:30, Town Hall Annex.

**Thurs., Dec. 16:** Medicare Assistance, 9:30-11:30, Enfield Savings & Loan, Suffield Village, call 668-2572 or 668-7512; Advisory Commission on Capital Expenditures, 7:30, Town Hall; Holy Name Society Bingo, 7:30, St. Joseph's Church Hall.

## Santa's Coming To Southwick

The Southwick Park and Recreation Commission invites all Southwick youngsters to visit with Santa Claus at the Christmas log home on the town common at the corner of College Highway and Depot Street.

The schedule for Santa is as follows: On Friday, December 17th from 6-8 p.m.; on Saturday, December 18th from 1-4 p.m.; and on Sunday, December 19th from 2-4 p.m.

David Deveno of BayState Log Homes Inc. of College Highway has generously donated the use of his cabin. The Park and Recreation Commission encourages all parents to bring their cameras to take pictures of their children with Santa.

## P.W.P. Plans Program For Christmas Season

Chapter 990 of Parents Without Partners International will host a special Christmas program prior to their general membership meeting on Thursday, December 16th at 7:30 p.m.

The program, with Southwick resident Marilyn Chunglo as speaker, will feature an interesting talk on the "twelve days of Christmas," and the famous 12 gifts.

The Christmas program, which is open to the public and is free of charge, will take place at the Polish American Clubhouse on 139 Southwick Street (Rte. 57) in Feeding Hills. Area residents are welcomed to attend.

## Holiday Game Night Planned

Suffield: A Holiday Game Night will be sponsored by the Widow and Widowers' Group at the Second Baptist Church on Thursday, December 16th, at 7:30 p.m. in the church parlor. All are welcome to attend and bring their favorite game.

This group is open to residents of Suffield and surrounding communities, regardless of religious affiliation. It meets on the first and third Thursday of each month and offers mutual self-help, guest speakers, and social activities. New members are welcome.

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## Yuletide Feast Served To Southwick Elderly By Women's Club

By Marsha Ramah

Southwick: The Southwick Women's Club's luncheon for the elderly brought to mind the Biblical story of the loaves and fishes. It seemed as if there would never be enough food to feed the 154 people who turned out on Tuesday for this yuletide feast.

However, the carts coming from the kitchen at the Congregational Church never seemed to be empty. As each casserole was finished, an equally appetizing one took its place. Guests were treated to a variety of dishes prepared to look beautiful as well as to taste delicious. A table of desserts capped off the meal in a manner which delighted everyone in attendance.

Members of the women's club take pride in their culinary ability, and it really showed. The biggest problem of the day was deciding which of the many offerings to sample, and most of the party-goers had ample time to try them all.

The atmosphere was festive and the decorations bright and cheery. Club members had adorned the church hall with attractive seasonal pieces, and two hostesses combined efforts to decorate each table with centerpieces and ornaments.

### Musicmakers A Real Treat

The real treat of the day, however, was the entertainment, the Musicmakers from Bloomfield, Connecticut. This group of senior citizens has been in existence for nine years and have grown from an original fifteen members to their present total of over fifty.

The Musicmakers perform at senior centers, convalescent homes, and retirement parties and have recently completed a tour to the World's Fair in Knoxville, Tennessee, where they delighted audiences. They are the first group of senior citizens to perform at Opryland in Nashville.

This group is part of a town-sponsored recreation program and have Flo Schaefer as their musical director and Fran Callahan as their coordinator. According to Mrs. Callahan, who exudes vitality, the group's average age is 79 and the only real requirement for membership is that individuals are able to smile.

Well, smile they did, and the audience smiled right



SERVING UP THE DELICIOUS home-baked food at the Christmas party held for all Southwick seniors last Tuesday at the Southwick Congregational Church are, from left - Louise Leary, June Smith, club secretary; Olive Hickey, 14th District Art Rep.; Mary Kvarnstrom, 14th District Rep. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

along with them. The program included everything from Hawaiian dancers to female impersonators. The performance of "Gypsy Rose" was definitely one of the high points of the show.

The group sings, dances, and plays several musical instruments from ukuleles to melodicas and kazoos. Each performance was special from Clementine Fraterini (86 years young) who sang "Santa Lucia" in her native tongue to spirituals, carols, swing, and country-western numbers. It would be hard to beat the amount of entertainment the Musicmakers crammed into a one-hour show.

Following the program was the awarding of several door prizes designed to please guests and give a special feeling of sharing to the members. Two awards were presented to the oldest members of the Southwick Women's Club. Evelyn Anderson and charter member Minerva Finsen, both 88, each received a teacup plate, which is a collector's item distributed by the National Women's Club Association.

After guests marveled at the food, delighted in the entertainment, and treasured their unexpected gifts, the festivities drew to a close with everyone feeling a real Christmas spirit of warmth and joy.

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## LIBRARY UPDATE

By Mary Williams  
Southwick Library

The Southwick Public Library would like to sponsor a program of library service to shut-ins during the winter months, but we need some help. Would you like to read aloud to someone who is housebound? Would you be willing to pick up and deliver books to people who cannot get to the library themselves? If you are interested in volunteering to help someone who likes to read or be read to, please call Mary Williams at the library.

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The library has had a number of requests for another pre-school reading and crafts program. Several children met for one hour every other week last winter under the direction of Margo Storozuk, Marie Hawthorne, and Kathy Massoni. Everyone had a fine time and, at the request of all, it was extended for an additional six-week period.

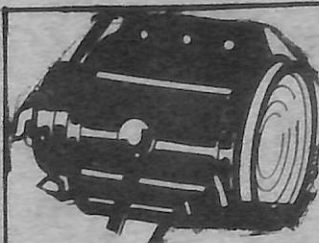
We would like to continue offering this service during the winter. The library will cover any expenses incurred. If you enjoy reading to and working with children, call the library at 569-6612 and leave your name.

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## A.A.R.P. Christmas Party



Kay Harris, vice-president of the Suffield Chapter 1683 A.A.R.P. presents Dave & Winnie Johnson with an exchange gift at last Tuesday's annual Christmas party. Mr. Johnson recently retired from Suffield Savings Bank as chairman of the Board of Directors. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.



## SPOTLIGHT ON SENIORS

### SOUTHWICK SENIOR CITIZENS' MENU

**Mon., Dec. 13:** Baked ham, boiled cabbage, steamed carrots, pumpernickel bread, applesauce, milk

**Tues., Dec. 14:** Beef a'roni, green beans, tossed salad, wheat bread, peanut butter raisin bar, milk

**Wed., Dec. 15:** Roast turkey, stuffing, butter-nut squash, cranberry sauce, roll, cherry pineapple fruit jello, milk

**Thurs., Dec. 16:** Spaghetti and meatballs, carrot raisin salad, garlic bread, banana, milk

**Fri., Dec. 17:** Breaded scrod, boiled parslie potato, scalloped tomatoes, rye bread, canned plums, milk

### SUFFIELD SENIOR CITIZENS' ACTIVITIES

The minibus will take seniors to Ingleside Mall on Monday, December 13th. It will leave Suffield at 10 a.m. and leave the mall to return at 2:30. For reservations, call 668-0344 and leave your name, address, and telephone number. Reservations will be confirmed.

A widows and widowers' group is being formed in Suffield to assist surviving spouses in coping with grief and in adjusting to the changed circumstances of their lives. The group is being sponsored by the Second Baptist Church and will meet on Thursday, December 16th. For more information, call 668-2741.

Christmas carolers will be singing on Thursday, December 16th, at 6 p.m. at Laurel Court and at 7 p.m. at Maple Court. Refreshments will follow. The Christmas Greetings group will meet on Friday, December 17th at 9:30 a.m.



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**A NOSTALGIC ROADSIDE VIEW OF HILLTOP FARM, one of Suffield's gracious landmarks. The farm is located on Route 159. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.**

## Hilltop Farm's Future Uncertain

By Stuart Parker

Suffield: While the Hilltop Farm will continue to serve as a gracious Suffield landmark, it may be several years before bovines with flattened ears and sad eyes watch the passing traffic on Butterfield Road.

The auction on December 1st dispersed the farm's eighty head of Holsteins and yielded \$165,000. Hilltop Farm owner Charles Stroh has said he is uncertain whether dairy activity will be resumed.

The auction followed the departure of Herdsman and Farm Manager William Case.

Case, who increased the milk production average to 20,000 pounds per cow, talked about his five years of building the herd, while stalls emptied and the ranks of cows dwindled as buyers loaded their trucks through the night.

Hilltop has enjoyed many awards and Big E victories under Case's directorship, including numerous awards to Holsteins of various age groups, the overall top herd last year, and herdsman of the year awarded to Case himself in 1981.

"There have been several victories I'm grateful for," said Case. "I've had an opportunity to show some fine animals throughout New England, and I've had three cows milk over 30,000 pounds per year." "But," he continued, "there's been a lot to overcome. Breeding has become a science and can slight an animal's value as much as poor milk production."

Case noted the farm's animals of higher value came from Stroh's own Hilltop-bred bull "Ivanhoe," though

these animals were not included in the auction.

"Considering the economy and recent government changes in the regulation of dairy prices, I'd have to say the auction was a success," Case said, adding, "but I'm looking forward to better times and shows ahead on my own farm."

Case said he would use the proceeds of the auction as well as savings to launch his own farm with his wife Pauline and two sons, Peter and Tony, next year.

Though Hilltop's 700 acres, spanning from the Connecticut River and running well past Suffield Street, may lay dormant for a few years, it is unlikely the land will be used for anything but dairy farming as it has been since the turn of the century.

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## Marilyn Wichroski Resigns Post As Secretary To Selectmen

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: The town is losing one of its true assets with the recent resignation of selectmen's secretary Marilyn Wichroski, who is leaving her town hall job for a more lucrative position with a Connecticut insurance firm.

For over a year, Marilyn has handled the everyday business of the town, from issuing dump stickers to taking fuel assistance applications and directing residents to proper departments to solve their problems. She has also served as confidential secretary to the selectmen.

With quiet assurance and extensive knowledge of town operations, Marilyn seems always to have been there when needed. She will be missed by more than just her immediate co-workers.

In accepting her resignation, Selectman Chairman Russell Fox said, "This is the hardest thing I have had to do in this chair."

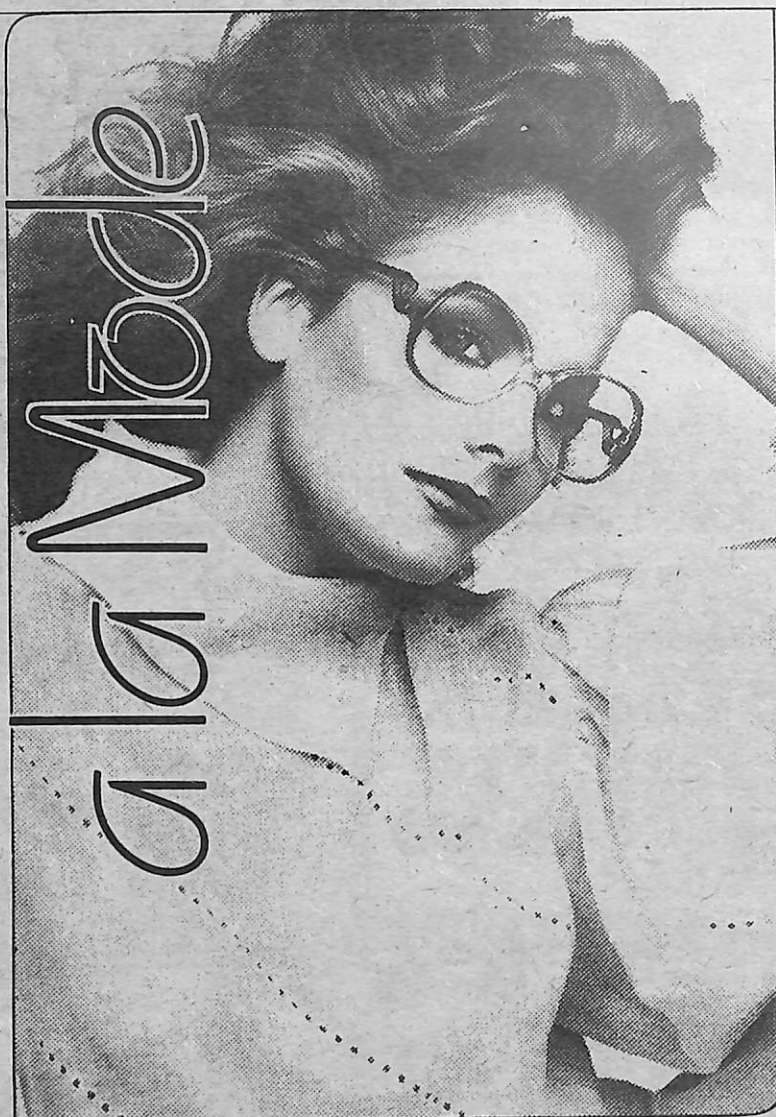
Selectwoman Vivian Brown said she is "very sad to lose Marilyn. I think the board made a mistake in not giving her a raise earlier."

Office-mate Gail Cigal, Water Department secretary, also hates to see her go. "Marilyn was so easy to work with and to get along with," she explained, adding, "They [selectmen] do not know how much they will miss her. She has so much knowledge of the workings of all the boards. There is just so much to learn for this job that I hope the new secretary doesn't get discouraged."

Selectmen have appointed 1982 Southwick High School graduate Faye Prokop of Granville Road as their new secretary.

Town employees expressed their sorrow over Marilyn's leaving at a surprise farewell reception Friday at the town hall.

We at *The Advertiser/News* would like to thank Marilyn for her cooperation, and we wish her the best in her new endeavor.



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# School News

## SOUTHWICK SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS POWDER MILL SCHOOL

**Mon., Dec. 13:** Frankfurter on roll, potato rounds, baked beans, cheese fingers, bread & butter, fruit, milk  
**Tues., Dec. 14:** Tomato rice soup, cold cut grinders, vegetable sticks, tomato, lettuce, fruited jello, milk  
**Wed., Dec. 15:** Baked lasagna w/ meat & cheese, Popeye salad, French bread, chilled fruit, milk  
**Thurs., Dec. 16:** Chilled apple juice, baked chicken w/gravy, whipped potato, green beans, cranberry sauce, roll & butter, dessert, milk  
**Fri., Dec. 17:** Cook's choice

### WOODLAND SCHOOL

**Monday:** Same  
**Tuesday:** Chicken vegetable rice soup, toasted cheese sandwich, vegetable sticks, chocolate whip, milk  
**Wednesday:** Pepperoni-cheese pizza, Popeye salad, chilled fruit, milk  
**Thursday:** Same  
**Friday:** Cook's choice

## Southwick High Early Release

Wednesday, December 15th, will be an early release day for Southwick High School only. High school staff will be preparing for self-evaluation prior to a visit from the accreditation team.

Dismissal time for the high school is set for 11 a.m. Powder Mill will release at 2:30 and Woodland at 3:00.

Schools will close on December 17th at regular times for Christmas vacation and will reopen on January 3rd.

## Powder Mill Gymnastics Show

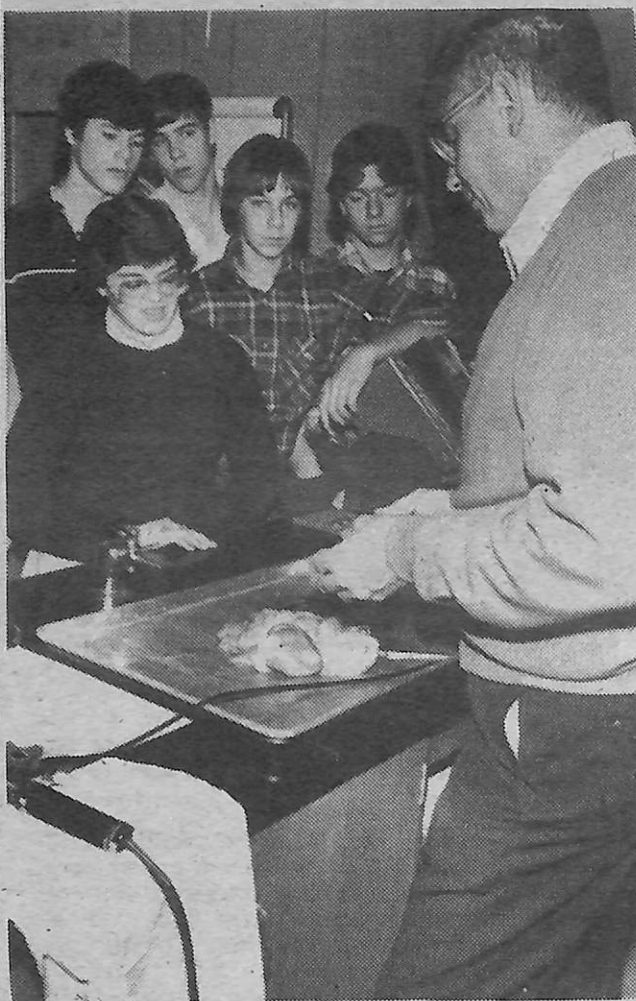
Southwick: Powder Mill School will present its annual gymnastics exhibition on Wednesday, December 15th, at 7:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Miss Joanne Egan and Mr. Dana White will supervise.

This event is the culmination of a six-week unit in gymnastics which is part of the school's regular physical education curriculum as well as added practice after school by those participating in the show.

The exhibition will feature use of the rings, even and uneven parallel bars, and the parachute as well as displays of vaulting, movement, and floor exercises.

There will be a small admission charge with half-price tickets available for school-aged children.

## Vet Speaks With Bio Pupils



**DR. KENNETH SCHULTE**, a veterinarian from Suffield, recently spoke to biology honor students at Suffield High School. Here, Dr. Schulte explains the workings of internal organs to students, from left - Shelley Cicero, Tim Cannon, Tom Naughton, Bob Sobinski and John Pielo. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

## Toys For Tots Receives Support From Southwick High

By Marsha Ramah

Southwick: Christmastime seems to bring out feelings of sharing and caring in most people, and students at Southwick High School are no exception. Local students are now involved in the annual Toys for Tots program sponsored by the Marine Corps as a means of gathering toys for youngsters who may otherwise not be able to experience the full joy of Christmas.

Several area high schools take on the job of collecting new and good used toys, of sorting them according to recommended ages, and of checking games and puzzles for completeness. For Southwick students, the Toys for Tots campaign is an annual tradition.

This year, the H.E.L.P. Committee of the Student Council is serving as the force behind rounding up thousands of toys. H.E.L.P. (Helping Every Last Person) is a group of fifteen students whose responsibilities are community charity projects, including this seasonal one, along with occasional bloodmobiles.

Publicity for this campaign involves contacting businesses and individuals, putting posters up in the schools, and in general making the community aware of the goals of this toy drive. Boxes for collection of toys have been set out in Ames Department Store as well as in Southwick High and Powder Mill Schools.

According to Roger Chabot and Bob Alberti, chairmen of H.E.L.P., response has always been good in Southwick. Stuffed toys and dolls are usually prevalent, and Bob stresses the need for baby toys. Both young men are confident that townspeople will contribute generously as they have in the past.

In addition to students at Southwick High, boy scout troops have been gathering toys to be turned over to H.E.L.P., and the very active Student Council reports that many articles are arriving from the middle school.

This Christmas promises to be brighter and happier for many children thanks to the efforts of these young people. Anyone who may wish to donate a toy but is unable to drop it off at one of the designated spots, may call the high school at 569-6171 to arrange for pick up.

## Suffield Rec. Sponsors Toy Drive For Needy

The Suffield Recreation Department is sponsoring a toy drive for needy children in the Suffield area. New and used toys will be distributed to financially troubled and "special recreation" children in the town.

Families are urged to donate any new or used toys either by dropping them off at the recreation department office at 97 Mountain Road or by calling the department at 668-0237. Volunteers are available to

pick up toys at homes of Suffield residents if they cannot be dropped off at the office.



## New Members Inducted Into Suffield High NHS

The fall induction ceremony of the Sigma Chapter of the National Honor Society was held at Suffield High School on November 30th. The ceremony followed a buffet supper for new members and their parents.

Mrs. Carol Rollet has announced as newly elected members John Cervione, Ann Golec, Christopher Lafond, William Nadeau, and David Schulte.

George Greenleaf, chairman of the mathematics department at the high school, was keynote speaker.

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## Suffield's "Robed" Concert



**SUFFIELD HIGH SCHOOL'S ROBED CHOIR**, led by Raymond Tanguay, with choral group led by Frank Pacocha, conducted their annual Christmas concert on Thursday, December 2 at the high school. The concert, always popular with members of the school system and in the community, was well-attended again this year. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

### Modservations

By Madge Barnes



Have you discovered the best place to hide the children's gifts? In their own closets, out of sight on a shelf, of course. It would never occur to them to look there.

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Don't you wonder after you've had a spat with your naughty pet if it remembers? There seems to be no carryover. You're greeted with a tail-wag, a jump-up, and licking kisses. Would that humans could drop a misunderstanding as quickly and be as forgiving!

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Sometimes it's rather handy to wear a hearing aid. When the noise gets raucous, you can just shut it off, and when a low, soft voice comes into your conversational orbit, you can turn it up a little.

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You wonder if your friend is right: feeding the birds is for your own selfish amusement. Isn't it better to let them fend for themselves at least until their wild food is literally buried and unattainable? It seems, for the most part, wild things manage better left to their own instinctive devices, or so my friend feels. Isn't it more of a thrill when a cardinal lights in your juniper bush without enticement?

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### SUFFIELD SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

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**Tues., Dec. 14:** Frankfurt in roll, cheese potatoes, McIntosh apple, milk

**Wed., Dec. 15:** Deep sea dandy (fish portion in roll), red and green cabbage salad, cherry crisp, milk

**Thurs., Dec. 16:** Mulled cider, oven-fried chicken, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, ice cream, milk

**Fri., Dec. 17:** French bread pizza, green beans with mushrooms, celery to stuff with peanut butter, strawberry gelatin, milk

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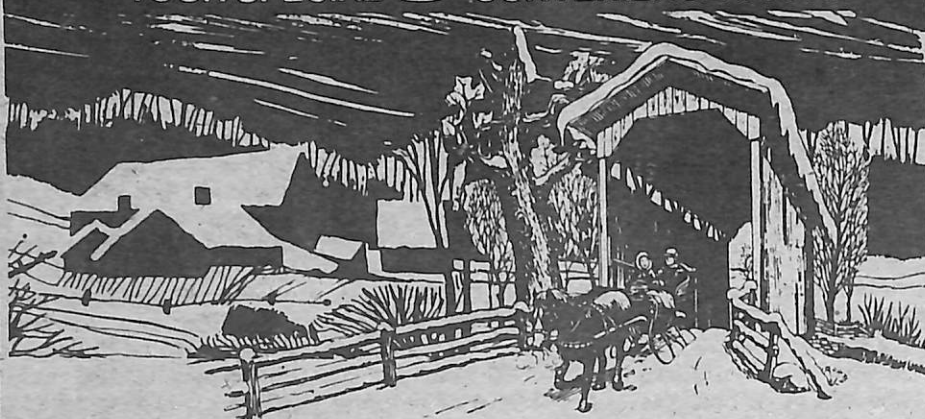
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**By Stu Fuller**  
Guidance Chairman  
Suffield High School

Course selection time for 1983-84 is now upon students in grades 8 through 11. All students are being asked to make course selections for the next school year and to discuss their choices with folks, teachers, and their counselors during the two-week period which ends this Friday, the 17th.

By now, each teacher has devoted some class time to discussing appropriate selections within their department and students have checked on what would be most appropriate for them. Counselors do not automatically schedule appointments with all students at this time, but will meet with those who schedule themselves for an appointment. Appointments can be made before school, during break or between classes and meetings can be arranged for a student's study or after school.

Students are not "locked" into these choices, but they should be as accurate as possible since the information gathered by the 17th is what is used to determine what courses are to be offered at the high school next year. When it comes time to actually schedule courses, students who do not get their selection sheet in are not allowed to schedule ahead of those in their class who do. If unsure about a course and unable to check with their teacher or counselor by the 17th, students should select the courses they feel are most appropriate and, if adjustments are necessary, they can be made at a later time.

P.S.A.T. results are in. The average scores received by the 81 juniors who took the test were 438 verbal and 486 math. These scores fall in the 78th and 80th percentiles when compared nationally with an average high school junior and are slightly higher than last year's averages. An informational booklet was given to students explaining the test results and is worth reading.

Interesting Notes: Kim Engelke '79 found in the cast of *Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris* performed by the University Players at the University of Hartford last weekend. Kim is a senior music education major at the university.

The second Asnuntuck financial aid workshop will be held Sunday, Dec. 12th. We've received good reports from folks who attended the November workshop and recommend it to junior and senior college-bound students. Advance reservations are necessary by calling 745-1603, ext. 42.

Congratulations go to several college acceptance recipients: Rick Lindau, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lindau of 1183 Newgate Road was accepted to Eckerd College in Florida; Phil Lenk, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Lenk of 1223 East Street, was accepted to Indiana State and is planning to attend there; Donna Oppenheimer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Oppenheimer of 578 Ratley Road, was accepted to Franklin Pierce College; Russ Fricke, son of Mrs. Carol Fricke of 3080 Mountain Road, was accepted to Elon College; Sue Beresford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Beresford of 500 Ratley Road, was accepted to Chamberlayne; and Stephanie Melillo added Gardner-Webb to her list of "accepted to's."

#### WORDS OF WISDOM/DATES TO REMEMBER

**Dec. 12:** 2-5 p.m., Asnuntuck Financial Aid Workshop  
**Dec. 13:** 9 a.m., U. of New Haven  
**Dec. 14:** 10:15 a.m., C.W. Post  
**Dec. 15:** 11 a.m., Quinnipiac  
**Dec. 17:** 9:45 a.m., Fisher Jr. College. Course selection sheets due to A period teachers.

## Science Classes For Children

Registration is now being accepted for Saturday children's classes at the Springfield Science Museum.

The Museum is offering a very special class for children ages 6 to 15. In conjunction with "The Future is Now" program planned for March several computer workshops will provide education on how to use computers. The one-day workshops are offered on March 19th and 26th.

Children, ages 4 to 6, will delight in discovering the different kinds of natural coverings that animals have in "Fur, Feathers & Scales," or learning about the uses animals have for their paws, claws, and tails in "Paddles, Paws, Rakes, and Claws." The sessions begin January 15th and February 19th.

For the 7 to 9 year olds, the museum offers "Dinosaurs and Other Great Beasts," beginning

January 15th. "Animal Myths, Legends, and Misconceptions" starts February 19th.

"Bats, Birds, and Flying Things" will help solve the mystery of flight and aerodynamics for children 8 to 10. Class begins January 15th.

Children, ages 10 to 12, will learn about the giants of the earth in "The Wonders of Whales," beginning January 15th.

Finally, investigation of particles, sights, smells, and other mysteries of the world of chemistry is the focus of "Atoms, Molecules, and Ions," for the 11 to 13 year old child.

To register and for fee information contact Liz McClellan at the Science Museum at 733-1194. The registration deadline is December 28th.

## Rec. Dept. Men's Hoop



The Suffield Rec. Dept. has been sponsoring a men's basketball league every Monday night at the high school. Here, Lynn Engler, Jim Hunter, and Rick Cottle attempt to thwart Al Ford's drive for the hoop. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.



## Letters To The EDITOR

### Academy Thanks Community

#### Dear Friends of Suffield:

The Suffield Academy community wants to thank all those whose thoughtfulness was so wonderfully supportive following our dormitory fire this past Saturday evening.

Offers of cooperation and assistance came from many townspeople, day student parents, local businesses, the Red Cross, the police, an area motel, and neighboring schools. The Fire Department did an excellent job in getting the fire under control and out. We are so very thankful that no one was hurt and hope to reopen Kulle House in early January.

While Suffield Academy is fundamentally an idea, a set of values and a commitment, it is also buildings and spaces, and Saturday's fire was a setback. But as true as that is, we also feel blessed by the outpouring of support and offers of help we have received.

From all of us, our heartfelt thanks

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# Sports/Recreation

## Rebuilding Season For Suffield Skaters

By Mary Beth Prew

The Suffield High varsity hockey team anticipates this season to be a rebuilding one.

Due to the loss of six graduates and four starting seniors who failed to return to the ranks, the club is left with only five remaining starters, explains Coach Larry Green. Center Bill Carney, wings Joe Carrieri and Todd Phelps, and defensemen Bob Heyse and Mark Kuchachik are the veterans carrying the Wildcat banner.

Returning to the varsity from last year's taxi squad are center Rusty Colson, wing Rich Dilko, defenseman Matt Coppola, and goalie Steve Gorman.

New varsity players this season are center Geoff Gunn, wings Steve Galetta, Peter Mann, and Ted Varholak, and defensemen Gary Heyse and Tim Milligan. This year's taxi squad consists of Claude Dion, Bob Harris, Jim Hughes, Jim Martocchio, and back up goalie Tom Heyse and Brian Pouland.

A returning celebrity from last year's team is Northern Connecticut All-Star Bill Carney.

Green, a veteran at the sport, played on his own high school's league championship team in 1947 and also laced his skates at Boston University.

Green coached both in semi-pro and amateur leagues in New York and Massachusetts before coming to Suffield. He started the entire hockey program

here about ten years ago, first with the Suffield Flyers for youth and club hockey, and later on the inter-scholastic level at the high school.

Suffield's team has gained the high esteem of other towns in the state. The group won the Division II State Championship in the 78-79 season, when Green was named "Coach of the Year." In the 79-80 season they moved up to Division I play and went through the state playoffs, beating number-one-ranked Hamden before losing by one goal in the finals to Fairfield Prep. The 80-81 seasons have also been successful as the locals qualified for each year. Green states that the team's best season ever was in 1979-80.

This season the Suffield boys have the toughest schedule in Northern Connecticut. The Wildcats play Fairfield Prep, winners of three of the last five state championships, and were also runners-up in their "off years." Another contender on the slate is Hamden, owning the largest number of state championships in Connecticut.

Suffield certainly does not plan on letting down their momentum in practice, for they scrimmage against some of the strongest Western Massachusetts teams. Watch the teams in action. This year's hockey should prove to be exciting. The season opens December 11th at 9:30 p.m. against East Catholic High School in Bolton.

## Wildcat Hoop Report

By Mary Beth Prew

Suffield boys' varsity basketball bounces into action, as Coach Fran Aniello selected his team just a few weeks ago.

The returning Wildcats are seniors Andy Davis, Jim Danise, Russ Fricke, and Ed Anglero, with junior Roger Hawes and sophomore Ted Lyons. Newcomers to the basketball club are seniors Larry Lopez and Rick Lindau, juniors Steve Quagliaroli and Peter Winiarski, and sophomores David Sullivan and Ray Young.

Welcomed back to the team is last year's league leading scorer, Roger Hawes, who averaged fifteen points a game, and should again prove to be a top performer in the NCCC.

The varsity boys have made the league playoffs four of the last five years. The team holds two league championships, one second place, and one fourth in that time. Last season left the Wildcats at 6-13, placing them fifth in the league.

Aniello believes that the team will fare better than a year ago. He anticipates well-balanced scoring, and says, "They'll be enjoyable to watch."

Aniello is experienced on the hardwood. He participated in three years of varsity ball at Windsor Locks High School and three more seasons at Springfield College. Assistant coach this season is John Johnston, a three year basketball player at South Windsor High and graduate of Southern Connecticut State College.

## Suffield Gals Shock Hartford Public, 46-33

By Amanda Hastings

Suffield High shocked Hartford Public in their first outing of the 1982-83 season with an impressive 46-33 victory on Thursday, December 9th.

Missy Wentworth led all scorers with 23 points and the Glime sisters, Meg and Beth, followed with 10 and 9 points, respectively, to lead the Suffield attack. Kathy Leahan chipped in 4 to help the local cause.

Valerie Neal led the stunned Hartford side with ten.

Coach Bob Cecchini is relying heavily on his five starters to provide the punch this season and Thursday's triumph gave much credence to this strategy.

Backing up this season's starters are Teresa Coggins, Chelen Edwards, Sue Miller, Kathy Kavangh, Shelley Wrisley and Lisa Gebhart.

Debbie Lownds will see plenty of action as a starter and Leahan should see activity off the bench.

Suffield expects tough competition this year in NCCC opponent Ellington, who has captured the state championship in Class S and Class M over the past two seasons.

"It's going to be interesting," says Cecchini. "We're going to do our best and the kids must work hard to be effective this season."

Suffield dominated the Hartford contest, upstaging their opponents with some fine offensive plays by Meg Glime. Wentworth and Leahan were monsters off the iron.

"Meg Glime did a super job for a freshman and Kathy Leahan has made the transition to the varsity level very well. The older girls, Beth, Missy, and Debbie had a steadying influence on the other two because they've had varsity experience," Cecchini observed. "I'm very pleased with today's win. The girls worked and hustled. We made some mistakes, but we learned from them."

Looking up and the down the schedule, Cecchini expects strong competition from other league schools besides Ellington. He said Tolland should prove a tough nut to crack. Suffield's early success has given

Cecchini's squad some much needed confidence as the season unwinds.

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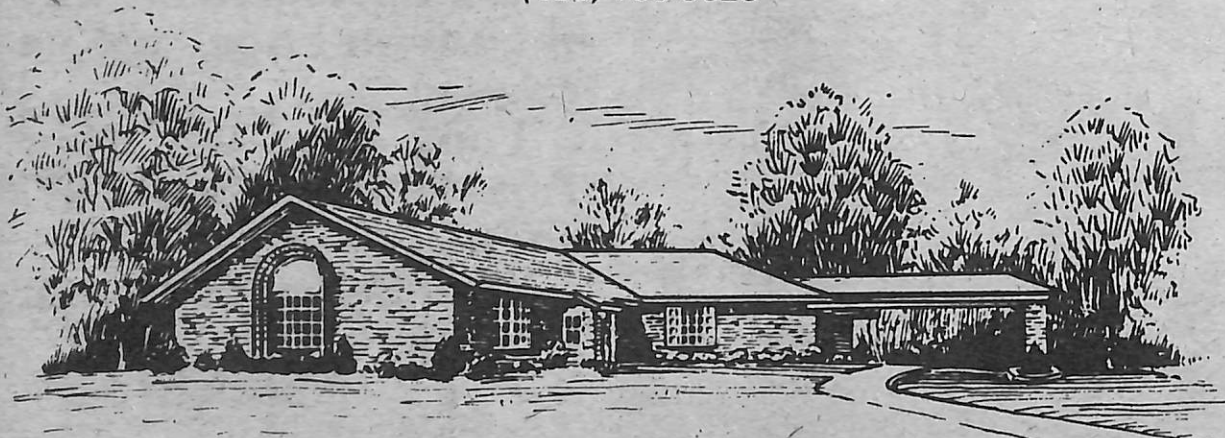
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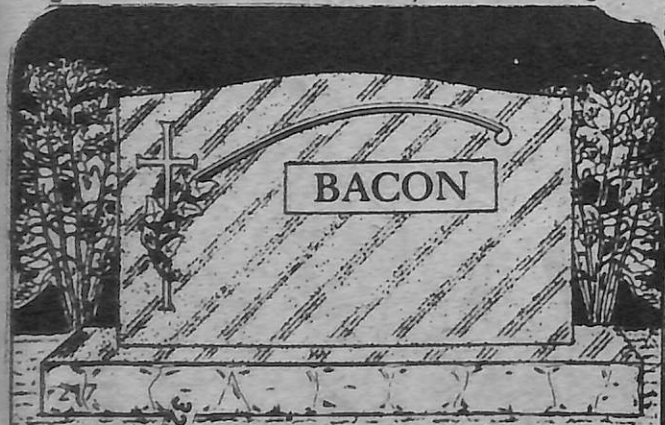
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Members of Southwick Recreation Center's 8-10 soccer champs are, back row, from left - Coach Mike Disavino and Coach Jim Franklin. Players - Robbie Hepburn, Mike Clink, Mike McDonald, Ted Florek, Kenny Hepburn, Bill Jeserski, Luke Gardner, Jim Bouchard. Front row - Cris Allen, Joe Typrowicz, Deric Solek, Jamie Franklin, Joe Gingras, Cris Peterson, John Davis, Denny Gingras, Bill Thompson. Absent are Ryan Rodgers and Larry Vesprauskis. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

## Tigers Win Southwick's 8-10 Soccer League

The Southwick Recreation Center's 8-10 soccer season came to a dramatic close this year with the Indians and the Tigers clashing for the fifth time.

Regulation time ended in 0-0 tie and a double overtime resulted. Tigers' striker Ken-Hepburn scored the first goal, his 21st for the season, but that was promptly countered by one from the Indians.

Players and parents alike cheered and cried during the emotional shootout. Tigers' goalie Joe Gingras successfully blocked a final hammering kick from the Indians' striker to clinch the 3-2 win for his team.

Tigers' tally for the year was 13 wins, 1 loss, 0 ties. Indians' total was 8 wins, 4 losses, and 2 ties.

## Rams Hoopsters On Title Hunt

By Bob Hrycay

Featuring a run and gun offense and several new cast members, the Southwick High girls basketball team coached by Jim Vincent have their hopes set on a Western Mass. title this winter.

The Rams have five returnees from last season's 13-5 club which fell to Wahconah in the quarterfinal of the tournament, but will be missing a quartet of key performers.

Grads Kim Florek and Karen Schulz leave some mighty big holes, and so do a pair of transfers - last year's starting center Jessie Hansen and sixth player Pam Kirsche.

But there's still plenty of talent remaining in returning seniors Alison Hiers, Cindy Lapan, and Robin Schools, who will start along with a pair of juniors, holdover Avola Brown and an ace from last year's 14-2 JV squad, Emma Brunton.

Hiers and Brunton will open at guard, Lapan and Schools will be the forwards, and Brown will patrol the pivot. Lapan, an All Western-Mass. selection last season, is moving over from guard and looks "very good," according to Vincent.

Vincent counts on Hiers to be his floor general and says, "I'm trying to get her to take more shots. We must get more scoring from her." Brunton is another player the Rams have high hopes for "if she can put everything together and work harder," Vincent added.

Brown, a third year varsity player has good size at 5-9, and will provide much of the rebounding which Vincent says is a "must" in the Rams' scheme of things.

Vincent promises that his non-starters will see plenty of activity led by junior front-courtters Beth Jinks and Amy Buy. "Amy is our strongest rebounder right now," he said. "Beth has looked very good in practice. She'll get more playing time than I originally thought."

Senior Vicki Towle is slated for backup center duty and is counted on for more aggressiveness, a trait that veteran guard Karen Friss has in vast quantities. "Karen is the most determined and aggressive player on the team," observed Vincent.

Adding shooting strength at forward is junior Wendy Champigney. Subbing at guard will be junior Deb DeRay and sophomore Renee Duval.

Vincent's team should be fun to watch, as the Rams will press on defense and fast break on offense. The girls will be home to open up the season against Smith Academy Wednesday night at 6 p.m., the first of five independent meetings before the opening of the Division D season.

"We'll be right up there," the Ram mentor said about the league race. "I'll be happy with a 15-5 record. Top contenders for league honors should be Hampshire, Granby, and Holyoke Catholic, he said.

## Quick Ram Boys Hope To Again Reach Tourney

By Bob Hrycay

Quickness and excellent outside shooting will be the keys to the 1982-83 Southwick High varsity boys' basketball team which tips off the new season with home-and-home encounters with independent Smith Academy. The Rams host the Falcons Wednesday night at 6 p.m. and meet again up in Hatfield the following week.

The returning starters from last year's 14-6 squad that bowed to Easthampton in the semi-finals of the Western Mass. tourney are senior Mike Malta and junior Todd Typrowicz. Each should provide most of the scoring punch, according to the Coach Bob Lawless.

The 5-10 Typrowicz popped in 10 points per game last season and will run the offense. His backcourt mate will be sophomore Jim Bruno, last season's leading JV scorer who's counted on to light the Rams up from the perimeter.

Lawless had decided to move the 5-11 jumping-jack Malta to small forward, thereby giving the Rams a three-guard offense. 6-1 senior Stu Arnold has earned the other forward post and another returnee, 6-3 junior Darrell Leveille, will open at center.

If things go as planned, Malta will pick-up his scoring pace and Arnold and Leveille will be the forces under the boards. Leveille, says Lawless, makes up for his lack of extreme size with quickness and reportedly showed rapid improvement in all facets of the game while playing for Southwick's championship entry in the Westfield summer loop.

Lawless hopes that 5-10 junior Steve Wilson will provide instant offense from the bench. A burner, Wilson is versatile and is rated a prominent rifleman from the backcourt who will see duty as small forward when Lawless seeks a quicker lineup.

The Rams' tall timber rests on the pines but Lawless foresees sophomore Jason Lobo becoming a towering inferno at center. At 6-7 and still growing, Lobo is coming off a knee injury, but the coach calls him "by far the best center prospect in some time because of his size and his willingness to work."

Lawless says Lobo could push someone out of the starting position early in the season because of his strong defensive play and overall improvement.

Providing some spot duty and muscle at pivot will be 6-5 senior Ken Moore, a newcomer. Lawless says, "He's progressed very well for someone who never played organized ball before." Providing depth and height at strong forward will be 6-1 sophomore Mark Gibson, last season's second leading JV pointman who will see much action.

Rounding out the bench cast are 5-10 junior Bob Foley and sophs Steve Prejzner and Bob Dold.

Look for better outside shooting to propel the Rams this season if a pre-season rout of Granby (Conn.) is any indication of what Lawless' hoopsters can do. In that scrimmage, Malta, Typrowicz, Bruno, and Wilson scorched the nets for 18 points apiece, the kind of balance any coach dreams about.

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Introducing Suffield Savings Bank's new Money Market Fund Plus Account and our existing Money Market Fund I Account. Just look at all your options:

## **MONEY MARKET<sup>\*</sup>** **FUND I**

- \$2000 minimum balance
- FREE CHECKING
- Write checks in \$500 amounts on balances over \$2000
- No opening, transaction or broker fees
- Immediate access to your funds
- Earn high money market interest
- Exempt from Connecticut capital gains tax.

\* Money Market Fund I is a repurchase agreement and is neither a savings account nor a deposit, but an interest in investments owned by Suffield Savings Bank in securities of the U.S. Government or its agencies. Repurchase agreements are not insured by the FDIC.

## **MONEY MARKET** **FUND PLUS**

- \$2500 minimum balance
- FDIC insured to \$100,000
- All the liquidity of a checking account
- No opening, transaction or broker fees
- Earn high money market rates (rate changes weekly)
- Write checks in any amount
- Unlimited withdrawals without penalty
- Monthly statements
- Exempt from Connecticut capital gains tax.

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